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SENATE BILL

No. 1984

Introduced by Senator Greene

February 19, 1998

An act to amend Sections 7841 and 7887 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to regulated professions, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1984, as amended, Greene. State Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists.

(1) Existing law requires specified qualifications for registration as a geologist that include successfully passing a written examination.

This bill additionally would require that written examination to incorporate a national examination for geologists, and would also require, passage of a supplemental California specific examination, as specified.

(2) Existing law specifies the maximum registration and renewal fees that may be fixed by the State Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists and prohibits

the board from increasing those fees beyond the amount fixed by the board as of January 1, 1993.

This bill would increase the maximum fee for the filing of an application for registration as a geologist or geophysicist or certified as a speciality geologist or geophysicist and for administration of the examination from \$100 to \$250 and would delete the prohibition against increasing this fee. The bill also would impose an examination fee not to exceed \$300 for each applicant for registration as a geologist and an examination fee not to exceed \$100 for each applicant for registration as a geophysicist or certification as an engineering geologist or a hydrogeologist.

(3) Existing provisions of the Business and Professions Code continuously appropriate the moneys in the Geology and Geophysics Fund, a special fund.

Because this bill would increase the amount of moneys in the fund, it would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7841 of the Business and
2 Professions Code is amended to read:

3 7841. An applicant for registration as a geologist shall
4 have all the following qualifications:

5 (a) Not have committed any acts or crimes
6 constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section
7 480.

8 (b) Meet one of the following educational
9 requirements fulfilled at a school or university whose
10 geological curricula meet criteria established by rules of
11 the board:

12 (1) Graduation with a major in geology.

13 (2) Completion of 30 semester units in geological
14 science courses leading to a major in geology, of which at
15 least 24 units are in the third or fourth year, or graduate
16 courses.

17 (c) Have at least seven years of professional geological
18 work which shall include either a minimum of three years

1 of professional geological work under the supervision of
2 a registered geologist or a registered civil or petroleum
3 engineer, except that prior to July 1, 1970, professional
4 geological work shall qualify under this subdivision if it is
5 under the supervision of a qualified geologist or a
6 registered civil or petroleum engineer, or a minimum of
7 five years' experience in responsible charge of
8 professional geological work. Professional geological
9 work does not include routine sampling, laboratory work,
10 or geological drafting.

11 Each year of undergraduate study in the geological
12 sciences shall count as one-half year of training up to a
13 maximum of two years, and each year of graduate study
14 or research counts as a year of training.

15 Teaching in the geological sciences at college level shall
16 be credited year for year toward meeting the
17 requirement in this category, provided that the total
18 teaching experience includes six semester units per
19 semester, or equivalent if on the quarter system, of third
20 or fourth year or graduate courses.

21 Credit for undergraduate study, graduate study, and
22 teaching, individually, or in any combination thereof,
23 shall in no case exceed a total of four years towards
24 meeting the requirement for at least seven years of
25 professional geological work as set forth above.

26 The ability of the applicant shall have been
27 demonstrated by the applicant having performed the
28 work in a responsible position, as the term "responsible
29 position" is defined in regulations adopted by the board.
30 The adequacy of the required supervision and experience
31 shall be determined by the board in accordance with
32 standards set forth in regulations adopted by it.

33 (d) Successfully pass a written examination that
34 incorporates a national examination for geologists
35 created by a nationally recognized entity approved by
36 the board, and a supplemental California specific
37 examination. The California specific examination shall
38 test the applicant's knowledge of state laws, rules and
39 regulations, and of seismicity and geology unique to

1 practice within this state. The board shall use the national
2 examination on or before June 30, 2000.

3 SEC. 2. Section 7887 of the Business and Professions
4 Code is amended to read:

5 7887. The amount of the fees prescribed by this
6 chapter shall be fixed by the board in accordance with the
7 following schedule:

8 (a) The fee for filing each application for registration
9 as a geologist or a geophysicist or certification as a
10 specialty geologist or a specialty geophysicist and for
11 administration of the examination at not more than two
12 hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

13 (b) The registration fee for a geologist or for a
14 geophysicist and the fee for the certification in a specialty
15 shall be fixed at an amount equal to the renewal fee in
16 effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on
17 which the certificate is issued, except that, with respect
18 to certificates which will expire less than one year after
19 issuance, the fee shall be fixed at an amount equal to 50
20 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular
21 renewal date before the date on which the certificate is
22 issued. The board may, by appropriate regulation,
23 provide for the waiver or refund of the initial certificate
24 fee where the certificate is issued less than 45 days before
25 the date on which it will expire.

26 (c) The duplicate certificate fee at not more than six
27 dollars (\$6).

28 (d) The temporary registration fee for a geologist or
29 for a geophysicist at not more than eighty dollars (\$80).

30 (e) The renewal fee for a geologist or for a geophysicist
31 shall be fixed by the board at not more than two hundred
32 dollars (\$200).

33 (f) The renewal fee for a specialty geologist or for a
34 specialty geophysicist at not more than fifty dollars (\$50).

35 (g) Notwithstanding Section 163.5, the delinquency
36 fee for a certificate is an amount equal to 50 percent of the
37 renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date.

38 (h) The fees fixed by the board pursuant to
39 subdivisions (e) and (f), as of January 1, 1993, shall not be
40 increased.

1 (i) Each applicant for registration as a geologist shall
2 pay an examination fee fixed by the board at an amount
3 equal to the actual cost to the board for the purchase of
4 ~~the National Association of State Boards of Geology~~
5 ~~examination~~ *a national examination for geologists created*
6 *by a nationally recognized entity approved by the board,*
7 including a supplemental California specific
8 examination, and shall not exceed three hundred dollars
9 (\$300).

10 (j) Each applicant for registration as a geophysicist or
11 certification as an engineering geologist or certification
12 as a hydrogeologist shall pay an examination fee fixed by
13 the board at an amount equal to the actual cost to the
14 board for the development and maintenance of the
15 written examination, and shall not exceed one hundred
16 dollars (\$100).

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